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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY HEREBY CANCELS AL-WOHEIBI'S PARTICIPATION IN FY 1975 IV PROGRAM. AL-WOHEIBI REPORTS HE IS UNABLE TO DEPART BEFORE END OF JUNE SINCE EDUCATION MINISTER'S ABSENCE IN JUNE COMPELS HIM TO ASSUME THOSE DUTIES IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN. FURTHER-MORE, AL-WOHEIBI CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN SULTAN HAS NOT CONVEYED TO HIM PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH WE INFORMED HIM AMBASSADOR WOLLE HAD RAISED TOPIC IN RECENT MEETING WITH QABOOS AND RECEIVED FAVORABLE REPLY.

2. EMBASSY REP EXPLAINED FISCAL YEAR TIMING PROBLEM TO AL-WOHEIBI STATING WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THERE WILL BE FUNDS FOR HIS TRIP IN FY-76. HE ACCEPTED THIS, STATING HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AMERICA NEXT YEAR, THE YEAR AFTER, OR WHENEVER IT SHOULD BECOME POSSIBLE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: AL-WOHEIBI HAS CANCELED OUT OF COMMITMENTS

FOR TWO FISCAL YEARS IN A ROW. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE NAMING HIM FOR FY-1976 GRANT EXCEPT POSSIBLY AS AN ALTERNATE.
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